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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Munehiro TABATA et al.
Title: SULFUR POISONING ELIMINATION OF DIESEL ENGINE CATALYST
Appl. No.: 10/713,355
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Examiner: T M Nguyen
Art Unit: 3748

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen during the personal interview of June 14, 2005, which is of record in the application. Applicant's representative, Thomas G. Bilodeau, and Examiner Nguyen discussed the Kobayashi reference of record in this application. Applicant argued that Kobayashi does not disclose interrupting the SO_x purge of the catalyst in order to regenerate the particulate filter in the Kobayashi system. Applicant also noted that these arguments were presented in the Reply filed June 6, 2005. Examiner Nguyen disagreed with this argument, and will further explain his disagreement in response to Applicant's Reply.

Applicants hereby petition for any extensions of time which may be required, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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